



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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October 12, 2004

Cooler Weather Arrives

Cooler air temperatures have arrived in Maryland with average high's in the 70's last week. There were **6.8 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 10, 2004. **Corn** for **silage** harvest is wrapping up with 95 percent complete. **Corn** for **grain** harvest is 66 percent complete, 20 percent above last year and 10 percent above the five-year average. **Soybeans** are dropping leaves rapidly and farmers are turning more attention to the soybean harvest. Harvest is 13 percent complete, well above last year and the five-year average.

Good progress was made cutting **alfalfa** and **other hay**. Alfalfa hay 5th cutting increased 9 percent from last week to 17 percent complete. Other hay increased 17 percent from 46 percent to 63 percent complete.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	68	60	60	63
Corn for Grain	66	51	46	56
Corn for silage	95	89	72	89
Sorghum	50	36	34	33
Soybeans	13	7	3	11
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	63	40	38	57
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	80	75	53	75
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	17	8	5	25
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	63	46	52	68
Planted Progress:				
Barley	53	37	23	43
Winter Wheat	21	19	8	15

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	5	15	29	51
Pasture	0	7	26	40	27
Soybeans	2	3	16	49	30

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	11	81	8
Topsoil (2003)	0	5	73	22
Five Year Avg	2	16	73	9
Subsoil Moisture	3	3	85	9
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	79	21
Five Year Avg	9	19	65	7

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10/10/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	73	33	53.3	0.7
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	80*	35*	56.4*	-0.9
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	76	34	55.6	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	78	34	56.2	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	77	38	58.7	-0.1
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	77	37	57.4	-3.5
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	74*	37*	59.1*	-0.8
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	80*	42*	62.2*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	76	37	57.9	-1.2
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	74	43	57.8	-1.0
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	78*	40*	58.1*	-0.9

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	63	13	0.05	-0.65
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.02*	-0.76
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	70*	-11	0.00*	-0.63
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	72	-	0.00	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	77	-	0.00	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	78	-7	0.00	-0.75
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.00	-0.85
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	78	-13	0.06	-0.78
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	56*	-27	0.00	-0.93
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	83*	-	0.00*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	72	-8	0.00	-0.75
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	65	-10	0.00	-0.89
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	67*	-20	0.00*	-0.76

*indicates incomplete weekly value
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